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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA
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CA FOR SOMMERVILLE
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SUBJECT: USE OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES IN CONSULAR FUNCTIONS

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES CONTAINED REFTEL.# EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO HIRE 4 PIT EMPLOYEES FOR MAY-OCTOBER TIME FRAME OF CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR.

2. EMBASSY HOPES RECRUIT ONE US DEPENDENT TO SERVE IN NEWLY CREATED JOT SLOT IN CONSULAR SECTION UNTIL INCUMBENT THAT POSITION FINALLY IDENTIFIED ON BOARD AND INTEGRATED INOT SECTION. EMPLOYEE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AND AVAILABLE MAY 1 TO MID JULY. HIS EMPLOYMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WOULD PROVIDE EMBASSY ADDITIONAL MANPOWER STRENGTH NEEDED TO SUPPORT EXPANDED ARREST AND WELFARE AND WHREABOUTS EFFORTS.

3. EMBASSY ADDITIONALLY HOPES RECRUIT 3 FSLs TO SERVE IN VISA FUNCTIONS. TWO OF THESE EMPLOYEES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE NIV UNIT TO PROVIDE NEEDED BACK-UP DURING TADITIONAL SUMMER "RUSH" SEASON AND MAN THE AVLOS SYSTEM, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 78 INSTALLATION. PROVIDING THEIR
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SERVICES PROVE SATISFACTORY, THESE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE SLOTTED INTO THE TWO PERMANENT FSL CONSULAR POSITIONS FOR WHICH THE POST IS SCHEDULED (PER STATE 016438) TO RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION LATE IN FY 78. THE THIRD EMPLOYEE WOULD BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE POST'S RAPIDLY GROWING IMMIGRANT VISA (IV) EFFORT (WHICH, AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS REPORTING, IS RUNNING AT MORE THAN 50 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR'S CASELOAD.)

SPECIFICALLY, THIS INDIVIDUAL WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT CHECKING CAPABILITY AND NEEDED BACK-UP IN THE QUOTA CONTROL FUNCTION (WHICH AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS IS RECEIVING ADDED EMPHASIS AND IMPORTANCE DUE TO THE SOON-TO-BE OVERSUBSCRIBED CONDITION OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS -- AND THE RESULTANT RE-IMPOSITION OF WASHINGTON CONTROL OF ALLOCATION OF VISA NUMBERS.) AGAIN THIS PIT PROBABLY WOULD BE ULTIMATELY ABSORBED INTO POST'S PERMANENT COMPLEMENT, ASSUMING APPROVAL OF IV PERSONNEL NEEDS DURING FY 79, WHICH WERE SPELLED OUT IN PANAMA'S CONSULAR PACKAGE (PANAMA 6175 OF 20 MARCH 1978).

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